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STATISTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF RECENT MAJOR UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES

(Agenda item 11 (c))

1. The Commission considered item 11 (c) of its agenda at its 484th meeting, on 11 February 1997. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General relating to the report of the Expert Group on the Statistical Implications of Recent Major United Nations Conferences (E/CN.3/1997/16);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Expert Group on the Statistical Implications of Recent Major United Nations Conferences (E/CN.3/AC.1/1996/R.4, annex).

2. The Commission had before it the following documents for information:

(a) Report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its eighteenth session (E/CN.3/1997/19, paras. 28-31);

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(b) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) Subcommittee on Statistical Activities on its twenty-ninth session (E/CN.3/1997/20, paras. 10, 12, 17 and 19);

(c) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) Subcommittee on Statistical Activities on its thirtieth session (E/CN.3/1997/21, paras. 13-15).

Action taken by the Commission

3. The Commission:

(a) Endorsed the minimum national social data set (MNSDS), as recommended by the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination, with the substitution of an indicator on contraceptive prevalence;

(b) Stressed that the indicators in MNSDS should be considered as a minimum not a maximum list, and invited users to build on it to meet national needs and circumstances, and requirements in specific fields;

(c) Agreed that the implementation and use of MNSDS should be considered at the thirtieth session of the Commission;

(d) Noted the seminar on methods of measuring poverty which is being organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in Santiago from 7 to 9 May 1997, and welcomed the intention of ECLAC to include participants from all regions;

(e) Noted that an expert group would be formed and meet in Brazil, and that it would examine technical and professional issues in the development of statistics needed to measure poverty.

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DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL STATISTICS: 2000 WORLD POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS PROGRAMME

(Agenda item 11 (a))

1. The Commission considered item 11 (a) of its agenda at the 485th meeting, on 12 February 1997. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation for the 2000 World Population and Housing Census Programme and the contents of the draft revised principles and recommendations for population and housing censuses (E/CN.3/1997/14);

(b) Draft revised principles and recommendations for population and housing censuses (PROV/ST/ESA/STAT/SER.M/67/Rev.1).

Action taken by the Commission

2. The Commission:

(a) Commended the work of the Expert Group on the 2000 World Population and Housing Census Programme, appreciated the way in which census experts from all regions had been involved in its preparation and supported the way in which the Secretariat had collaborated with the regional commissions, the United Nations Population Fund and other organizations in revising the principles and recommendations;

(b) Endorsed the provisional principles and recommendations for population and housing censuses (PROV/ST/ESA/STAT/SER.M/67/Rev.1). It fully supported the inclusion of the new and revised sections in parts one, two and three, and particularly welcomed the attention to user needs developed in part four;

(c) Proposed revisions of an editorial nature in several sections and requested that the tabulation programme for population and housing censuses be supported by the inclusion of tabulation lists and descriptions in the published version of the principles and recommendations;

(d) Adopted the principles and recommendations for population and housing censuses for use in the 2000 round of population and housing censuses and in future census decades;

(e) Requested that the Secretariat publish the principles and recommendations for population and housing censuses, incorporating its suggested changes, as quickly as possible, in all the official languages of the United Nations;

(f) Requested that the United Nations Statistics Division estimate census costs. The Statistics Division, in collaboration with the regional commissions, would prepare a report on the costs of conducting a decennial census and would provide that report to the Commission's Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination, the regional commissions and the heads of national statistical offices when it was completed.